

BIRMINGHAM - Congressman Spencer Bachus was interviewed by WCFT-ABC3340/Birmingham on the need for the Senate to respond to the House plan to provide economic certainty by extending the payroll tax holiday for a year instead of two months. The following is a transcript of a lead story on the 10pm news of December 21.

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We spoke to Congressman Spencer Bachus by phone. Many blame his party for holding up the extension. I asked him if he thought people were overreacting.

CONGRESSMAN BACHUS

No, I think the American people are disappointed that we didn't fix this thing for a year two weeks ago. The House did. Republicans and Democrats joined together and we passed a one-year extension.

REPORTER

And it's now up to the Senate to pass their version of this bill which has the Keystone pipeline attached. Congressman Bachus says that pipeline will bring in cheaper oil from Canada and create as many as 20,000 more jobs right away. He says that is crucial for economic development.